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complaining as we sometimes do. I just wish you could see some of the big wounds they have and never a grumble or a groan, they just smoke and smoke and joke with us. It has taught us a big lesson, if we only take it to heart. We are looking forward to the first number of the JOURNAL.

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HISTORY OF NURSING

Dear Editor: We have emphasized strongly the need of organization and organized effect. May we not wisely emphasize for some time to come, the responsibility of the individual nurse in bringing about the new spirit that is needed?

One of the greatest needs of our system of nurse education is more teaching of the History of Nursing.

If it is important that our normal schools teach History of Education to imbue teachers with high ideals of Pestalozzi, Arnold of Rugby and Horace Mann, does not the nurse need in fully as large a degree the inspirations and ideals to be gained from a knowledge of those noble women of the Society of Friends, Elizabeth Fry, Florence Nightingale, the Angel of the Crimea, and our own Clara Barton?

Many pupil nurses become dissatisfied as soon as they are put on night duty, and many drop out of training at that time. May it not be that night duty would not seem so hard if those young nurses had their first enthusiasm sustained in the early trying experiences of hospital life by the vision of Florence Nightingale as she quietly ministered to those uncounted thousands in the Crimea?

Let us make our nurses familiar with the History of Nursing early in the course of training, at that impressionable period when their highest ideals take form.

Let the History of Nursing be brief enough to be used as a textbook and inclusive enough to give the nurse a realization that she is a part of the noble band of the world's workers, and that her calling has a dignity which she will want to help uphold.

I would not urge the over-education of nurses, but I wonder if we do not sometimes put too much stress on non-essentials and forever miss instilling into our pupils the larger world vision that will enable them to realize the import of the words of our Divine Master when He said, "For even the son of man come not to be ministered unto but to minister."

SR. MARY JOAN.